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become the Leader of the Opposition? Or, did Sri Ramalingam get up in spite of your calling upon Sri Ramamurthi to put the question? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" That is not a point of order."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I am not questioning your decision over the point of order. Am I to understand that Sri Ramalingam is the Leader of the Opposition or is he flouting your order calling upon Sri Ramamurthi to put the question? One of the two must be corrected."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Sri Ramamurthi is the Leader of the Opposition. Nobody need have any doubt about it."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Before we proceed, I want to make a small correction. It was the Revenue Divisional Officer who made the inquiry and not the Police official."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" This question was raised previously also by the hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan. May I know whether in conducting the inquiry, the hon. Member who made representations in this behalf in this House was given any information as to when it was to be held and how? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to have notice for this question."

Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in Malabar district.

* 2230 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether with reference to his statement in the Assembly on 13th August 1954 (vide Proceedings, page 611), the Government have reviewed the working of the Scheme of Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in Malabar district specially with reference to the necessity for establishing additional courts of Judicial Sub-Magistrates?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. The review has been taken up. The proposals of the High Court for a re-distribution of jurisdiction of existing Sub-Magistrates' Courts and establishment of additional Sub-Magistrates' Courts in Malabar district are under the consideration of the Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Even in the existing Courts there is an unequal distribution and weightage in cases coming up before them. Will the Government consider this question specially when they consider this report? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Evidently the hon. Member was not listening to my answer. The proposals of the High Court for a re-distribution of jurisdiction of the existing Sub-Magistrates' Courts and establishment of additional Sub-Magistrates' Courts in Malabar district are under the consideration of the Government."

Manufacture of paper from groundnut shells.

* 2231 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government undertook any research work to explore raw products for the manufacture of paper from the shells of groundnuts; and

(*b*) if so, when and with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir. In view of its low cellulose content groundnut shell is not considered to be a suitable raw material for paper manufacture.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Excuse me, Sir. The Hon. Minister speaks to the mike and not through the mike. May I request him to repeat the answer so that I may hear it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to be taught by the hon. Member the art of speaking through the mike. Anyhow, Sir, I shall make another attempt."

(The Hon. Minister then repeated the answer.)

Salary of motor cleaners in the Malaria Control Team in Nilambur.

* 2232 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a cut has been made recently in the salary of motor cleaners working with the Malaria Control Team in Nilambur; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The cleaners who are mazdoors paid from contingencies were mistakenly paid on a time scale of pay plus allowances. They are paid from 26th June 1954 according to market rates and this has resulted in a reduction in the emoluments of the cleaners."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Considering the hardship felt by the employees and also considering the small amount of money that is involved in restoring the cut, will the Government kindly consider the desirability of restoring the cut? "